

WEATHER for Kentucky
Thursday fair

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Germany would no doubt hail with pleasure a railroad strike in America.

Even the girl babies can be named after Gen. Maude, the conqueror of Bagdad.

A drop in eggs from 40 cents to 20 cents a dozen helps some, if you are a buyer.

The moon is now all right and as soon as the ground will do, plant your potatoes.

According to the Arctomys Monax, winter will officially end and Spring begin next Saturday.

Gen. Hunter Liggett, aged 59, has been promoted to Major General to succeed Gen. Funston.

Cuban authorities have seized the property of Jose Miguel Gomez, revolutionary leader, valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Former President Gomez, leader of the Cuban insurgents, has been captured and is awaiting trial. Four hundred American marines have landed at several points.

The Germans are about to retreat from the fortress of Bapaume, having abandoned the defensive system west of the town. The British are now within a mile and a half of their goal.

The Missouri Senate has passed the prohibition constitutional amendment to be voted on in 1918. The House and Senate are still at variance as to the time the measure shall become effective, if adopted.

China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, seized all, about six, German ships at Shanghai, placed the crews ashore, put the seized ships under guard and handed the German minister his passports.

A strike on the eve of what may be a foreign war, would be little less than treason. The public is tired of bluffing. If it must come, let it come without further action by the sick President and let the railroads meet it in their own way.

A monument of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, on horseback, is to be erected on Lookout Mountain, Colorado, 2,000 feet higher than Denver, where the spectator can see into Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and Nebraska, the four states the scout operated in.

The Owensboro Messenger is the first Kentucky paper that has undertaken a defense of Senator Stone's opposition to the President's program. It says the editor of the Lexington Herald ought to be sent to jail for a year for criminally libeling Stone.

President Wilson has made at least one unpopular move. Democratic leaders have heard much to their regret the President's order extending postmasters to civil service will include all such office holders, and examinations will be given for every office that becomes vacant.

The American steamship, Algonquin, was sunk by a German submarine Mar. 12. It was torpedoed without warning and after 20 shells fired at 4,000 yards failed to sink her, she was boarded and blown up with four bombs. The crew was saved, but the cargo of foodstuffs valued at \$1,750,000 was lost. She left New York Feb. 20. The situation is unchanged until some armed ship clashes with a submarine.

The Democrats will fill their New York congressional vacancy by a special election April 12. The New Hampshire vacancy cannot be filled by April 16. The prospects are that the Democrats will have 215 votes and the Republicans 214 when the special session convenes. It will require 218 to elect a Speaker. The five so-called Independents holding the balance of power have been unable so far to agree on a concerted course, but they will meet again just before the beginning of the session.

PLAY GROUNDS
FOR CHILDREN

Provisions of the Will of the Late W. A. Wilgus Explained.

WILL PURCHASE A SITE

And Deed the Playgrounds to the City of Hopkinsville.

Following are the sections of the will of the late W. A. Wilgus bequeathing his estate to the city of Hopkinsville:

"Section 5. I bequeath all of my property whatsoever to the beloved city of Hopkinsville, Ky., for the sole and exclusive purpose of purchasing public playgrounds for the white children only of the said city of Hopkinsville, Ky.

"Section 6. I desire that all of my property shall be turned into one general fund and said amount shall be managed and expended for as many play grounds as a commission of three selected from the school board may in their judgment deem proper to purchase. These play grounds shall be deeded by said commission selected by the chairman of school board to the city of Hopkinsville, forever."

According to the terms of the will the chairman of the school board, W. A. Long, is to name a commission of three "from the school board," who shall receive the property in the name of the city and purchase the play grounds, as many as they "deem proper" and deed them "to the city of Hopkinsville, forever." No provision is made for the maintenance of the play grounds, which become public grounds of the city, except that their use is limited to white children. The question of equipment is also in doubt, since it is not clear that any part of the money can be used for improving the grounds.

The one place in the city that possesses all of the requirements for a public play ground is along the river front. The city already owns both banks of the river north of Second street, with good sized lots on both sides of the stream. The land adjacent on both sides can be purchased and the grounds created into Edgewater Park five years ago could be enlarged and made into beautiful play grounds on both sides of the stream, with boating and bathing in the river when the floodgate of the dam is closed.

TWO DEATHS AT
W. S. HOSPITAL

Both Victims of Measles, Asthma Being Contributory In One Case.

Mrs. Bettie Mantlo, of Todd county, died at the Western State Hospital March 10 of measles, aged 70 years. She had been here one month. Interment at the asylum burying ground.

Mary M. Grey, a patient from Butler county, died Monday of Measles, asthma being contributory. She was 64 years old and was received here about four years ago. The interment took place near Morgantown.

To Seat 4,100.

Final plans for the proposed public auditorium, which will be of Renaissance design, with a seating capacity of 4,100, have been approved by the directors of the Louisville Auditorium Association. The building will cost approximately \$255,000.

\$50,000 Trunk Missing.

Boston, March 14.—A trunk containing jewelry valued at \$50,000 and belonging to David Ullman, a jeweler of 80 Maiden Lane, New York, disappeared from the baggage room at South station today.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
IN STATE CAMP HERE

Opened Tuesday With Formal Addresses of Welcome By Several Local Speakers and Responses By Congressmen Barkley, Kincheloe and Others.

SPECIAL DEGREE WORK PUT ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Congressman A. W. Barkley, of Paducah, Elected Head Consul and Owensboro Gets Next Head Camp Meeting.

The formal welcome of the state camp W. O. W. at the Tabernacle Tuesday morning was given in true Hopkinsville style. A big crowd was on hand and the following state officers were in their seats:

Head Consul, W. V. Gregory, of Mayfield, Ky.; head clerk, J. George Miller, of Louisville; head adviser, Dalton Vosier, of Paducah; head banker, E. R. Brown, of Princeton; head escort, W. P. Albritton, of Fulton; head watchman, Louis Iglehart, of Dawson Springs; head sentry, John Adlich, of Hardin; head managers, George Broadfoot, of Paducah; H. A. Willis, of Litchfield; E. A. Davis, of Highland Park; C. T. McCormick, of Cave Spring; S. W. Sellers, of Poole.

The public meeting was presided over by T. C. Underwood and prayer was offered by Dr. Lewis Powell. A song was sung and welcome addresses were made as follows:

For the city, Commissioner Frank H. Bassett; for the H. B. M. A., Ira D. Smith; for the W. O. W. of Hopkinsville and Christian county, Judge W. T. Fowler.

The W. O. W. quartette, composed of Oscar Wright, L. K. Wood, L. R. Bailey and Paul Twyman, sang, and were forced to respond to an encore.

The first response was by Hon. A. W. Barkley, the gifted Congressman from the First District.

A delightful violin solo was played by Miss Virgil Sellers. Mrs. Jessie A. Houston, of Calloway county, responded for the Women's Circle. Miss Nancy Boyd entertained the audience with a humorous reading.

Congressman David H. Kincheloe responded to the H. B. M. A. address in a characteristically eloquent speech. Miss Dora Alexander, of Omaha, supreme clerk, Women's Circle, next responded for the ladies.

Paul Twyman sang a beautiful solo and Rev. A. S. Anderson was the final speaker.

The regular business of the meeting was then taken up. The afternoon session was given over to reports, etc.

The annual report of Head Consul Gregory showed that on December 31, 1916, the order had a total membership of 804,291 and the amount of

insurance carried was \$1,073,966,500. This is an increase of 81,654 members and \$103,837,800 in insurance since December 31, 1914. The total emergency fund on December 31 was \$2,488,435.07.

For Kentucky the report showed total benefit certificates in force December 31, 1916, of 17,114 and the amount of insurance carried \$20,690,700. Claims paid to January 31 were \$265,056.30. Receipts for the beneficiary fund for 1916 were \$369,472.31 and the emergency fund \$49,262.97.

Secret work Tuesday night was put on by two lodges. The Uniform Rank of Madisonville was worked first and then the Hopkinsville camp gave an initiation. Both lodges did splendid work. About 500 members attended this session.

Wednesday morning the State Camp met at the Tabernacle and the election of officers was the chief feature. The following officers were chosen:

Head Consul—Hon. Alben W. Barkley, Congressman from the First District.

Head Adviser—H. W. Nichols, of Princeton.

Head Clerk—Geo. Miller, Louisville.

Head Banker—C. O. Harris, Hopkins county.

Head Escort—Greeley Ford, Calloway county.

Head Sentry—W. L. Travis, Marshall county.

Head Managers—Dr. E. H. Gardner, Carlisle county; J. C. Bell, Daviess county; Shelby Dunn, Hancock county; A. G. Coghill, McCracken county; O. R. Marlow, Cadiz.

Delegates—L. D. Green, Louisville; Archie Higgins, Hopkinsville.

Alternates—A. A. Nelson and Geo. Weathers.

Owensboro, Ashland and Dawson were nominated for the 1917 meeting and Owensboro was selected.

An afternoon session was held for winding up the routine business, receiving reports and adopting resolutions, at the conclusion of which the session adjourned.

The Women's Circle also held two sessions yesterday behind closed doors.

ELECTION
APRIL 25

Judge Knight Sets the Date For the Election At Pembroke.

The petition filed by the anti-prohibitionists, has been acted upon by Judge Knight and an election called in the two Pembroke districts for April 25. The district has been dry for the last six years.

Twenty-five Brought Down.

The French have recaptured positions previously taken by the Germans on ridge 185 and the British entered German trenches north of Peronne. Berlin reports the destruction of sixteen Entente airplanes, while London announces that nine German machines were brought down.

Labor Loyal.

Organized labor in America, through its representatives in conference at Washington, offered its services to the country in every field of activity if the United States should be drawn into war.

CLOSING ON
BAPAUME

Germans Again Driven Back On A Three Mile Front.

NO REST FOR THE TURKS

British Make Another Advance Directed Against Bapaume.

Further notable gains have been made by the British forces against the Germans in the operations which have as their object the capture of Bapaume and a general bending back of the German line eastward in the Somme and Ancre regions of France.

According to the British war office communication, under terrific bombardments the Germans have abandoned their main defensive system west of Bapaume on a front of three and one half miles to a depth of a mile.

North of the Ancre the left wing of the British in this particular operation has bent back the German line on a front of about a mile east and northeast of Gommecourt and somewhat straightened out the curve extending from Eszarts-les-Bucquoy to the region northeast of Puisieuz au Mont.

To the north of this region, in the vicinity of Armentieres, Souchez and Neuville-St Vaast and southwest of Neuve Chapelle, the Germans threw forward raiding parties but all of these met with repulse, according to London, except in the last named sector, where the Germans reached the British trenches and made prisoner some of the occupants.

Elsewhere on the line in France there have been only artillery engagements which were especially severe in Champagne on the sectors of Maisons de Champagne, and Mauseiges, and at various points on both sides of the Meuse in the region of Verdun.

The Turks evidently are being given no rest by the British operating against them north of Bagdad along the Tigris river. After the capture of Bagdad Sunday, the British cavalry kept on the heels of the retreating Turks and occupied the town of Hazimam, five miles to the North, taking more than 100 prisoners. Gunboats are proceeding up the river in pursuit of the Turks.

BACK FROM
THE BORDER

Full List of Soldiers Who Were Mustered Out This Week.

Hopkinsville soldiers of the Third Regiment, who were mustered out at Louisville this week have nearly all come home. They are as follows: Col. Jouett Henry, Lt. Col. E. B. Bassett, Capt. B. S. Winfree, Capt. B. G. Nelson, Lieut. Robt. Hays, Lieut. Lawson Flack, Color Sergeant Martin Underhill, Supply Sergeant Scott Means, Sergeant Floyd Owen, Sergeant Stanley Renshaw, Risdon Thaxton, Sergeant A. D. Kemp and Morgan, Will Gore, Clarence Gray, Marvin Loveless and Ben Cowan and Amos Guier, of Trigg county, all members of Company D who had been detailed to other duties. Members of the band were: James Higgins, assistant bandmaster, Sergeant Wallace Anderson, Corporal Lewis Clark, Maxie Bearden, Corbett Roß, Elmer Gerard, Philip Datillo and Bertie Witty.

The last to arrive were Capt. Nelson and Winfree. Mrs. Winfree returned a week or more ago.

The only soldier left behind was Aaron Omer, who was in a hospital

WALKOUT FOR
SATURDAY

Complete Plans of Brotherhoods for Nation-Wide Railroad Strike.

DECISION UP TO OFFICIALS

Order Already Issued Will Become Effective If Old Demands Are Not Granted.

Washington, Mar. 14.—Complete plans of the four railroad brotherhoods for a nationwide strike to be inaugurated next Saturday evening unless the railroads grant their eight hour day demands were ratified here today by local union leaders from southeastern territory and by a similar conference of representatives of the southwest held at St. Louis.

OLD DEMANDS STAND

The brotherhood heads will tell the railroad conference committee in New York Thursday that if an agreement is not reached this week for the establishment of an eight hour basic day with time and a half for overtime, strike orders already issued to local organizations will become effective. The demands are just what they were last fall when President Wilson averted a strike after the call was out by inducing congress to pass the Adamson law, which never has been put into effect, pending a decision on its constitutionality by the supreme court.

There is every indication that the president is prepared to move again if it becomes apparent that the nation, facing the gravest international crisis of its history, is about to have its transportation facilities paralyzed.

PRESIDENT HEARS REPORTS

Although still confined to his bed with a cold, the president heard reports from Secretary Wilson on the plans of the brotherhoods. There was no statement as to what action he was contemplating, but it was understood to be probable that his first step may be an appeal to the employers and employees to reach an agreement as a patriotic duty.

It became known during the day that on March 7 the brotherhood chiefs wrote to the president, advising him of the meeting to be held with the railroad committee March 13, and assuring him that if the country should become involved in war they would co-operate with the government in every possible way.

The southeastern union officials were told by the brotherhood chiefs that the strike orders had been arranged so as to have the walkout begin on a certain group of roads, at 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Saturday, but gradually extended to all roads in the country by next Wednesday.

PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM ADOPTED

Each twenty-four hours until Wednesday a new group would be affected. This progressive system, the union men say, was adopted to avoid paralyzing traffic suddenly throughout the entire country and to give railroads a chance to stop the strike's spread by meeting the union demands if they wish.

Woman Kills Father.

Louisville, March 14.—News reached here that Mrs. Goldie Rehl, 30, shot and killed her father, George Washburn, 53, at their home near Goshen, Oldham county late Sunday. After the woman told the authorities that Washburn had abused the family and was advancing on her in a menacing manner, when she seized a shot gun and fired, she was released on a \$50 bond.

too ill to travel.

Lieut. Flack, who has been suffering from a huge cornucopia on his left temple for many weeks, is now almost well. The rest of the returned soldiers from Col. Henry down are in fine physical condition and all are delighted to be home again.